

Amendments to the Specification:

Amend the title as follows:

Slide Rail Channel

Immediately before paragraph [0001], delete the sub-heading “Description” and add the following new sub-headings and text:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2005/000391, filed on 17 January 2005. Priority is claimed on German Application No. 10 2004 003 279.3, filed on 21 January 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] The invention relates to a slide rail or channel for a slide member of a door closer ~~according to the generic part of patent claim 1,~~ as well as to a matching slide member ~~according to the generic part of patent claim 11.~~

Immediately before paragraph [0002], add the following new sub-heading:

-- 2. Description of the Related Art --

Amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] A slide channel of this type is for example known from German Patent Application No. DE 37 01 300 A1, Figure 6 therein. The slide channel has a housing with a rectangular cross-section, resulting in a box-shaped housing form with a somewhat heavy appearance. Within the housing a chamber is provided, wherein a slide member, that is connected to an actuating arm of a door closer, can be displaced in the longitudinal direction of the slide channel.

Immediately before paragraph [0003], add the following new sub-heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Amend paragraph [0003] as follows:

[0003] Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to further develop a slide channel for a slide member of a door closer ~~including a slide member according to the type indicated in the generic part of patent claim 1~~, which has a stylish housing contour combined with an optimized functionality and a matching slide member.

Amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] This object is solved by ~~the features of patent claim 1~~ a slide channel for a slide member of a door closer. The slide channel includes a housing having a length and a longitudinal slot extending over the entire length of the housing. The housing includes a support wall, an end wall disposed opposite the support wall, and a top wall disposed opposite the longitudinal slot and connecting the support wall and the end wall. The support wall, the end wall and the top

wall define an inner chamber for accommodating the slide member. The support wall has a first height, and the end wall has a second height which is less than the first height.

Delete paragraph [0008] in entirety.

Immediately before paragraph [0009], add the following new sub-heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Immediately before paragraph [0012], add the following new sub-heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENT --

Amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] The advantage of a slightly reduced housing weight is achieved in that the support wall 4 has at least one opening or trench 21 for saving on material and the top wall 6 has at least one opening or trench 22 for saving on material.

Delete paragraph [0022] in entirety.

On page 7, delete the sub-heading " Patent claims", and immediately before claim 1, add the following:

-- What is claimed is: --